



1 Void Claims 38 - 51 and substitute the following:

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3 What is claimed is:

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5 52 (New). A balloon display comprised of:

6 A. at least one framework for supporting balloons wherein each said at
7 least one framework is comprised of material that includes a plurality of
8 apertures and;

9 B. at least one first set of inflatable chambers wherein:

10 (1) said at least one first set is comprised of at least one inflatable
11 chamber and;

12 (2) at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one first set of
13 inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;

14 (3) at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at
15 least one first set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by at
16 least one first aperture of said at least one framework and;

17 C. at least one second set of inflatable chambers wherein:

18 (1) said at least one second set is comprised of at least one
19 inflatable chamber and;

20 (2) at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one second set of
21 inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;

22 (3) at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at
23 least one second set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by
24 at least one second aperture of said least one framework

25 wherein said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and said at least one
26 second set of inflatable chambers are held in their respective positions by
27 positioning means that include one or more positioning means selected from
28 the group consisting of:

29 a. at least one connector member

- 1 1. is joined by fastening means to at least one said set of
2 inflatable chambers and
3 2. is joined by fastening means to at least one portion of said
4 at least one framework;
- 5 b. at least one connector member
 - 6 1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of
7 inflatable chambers and
8 2. is joined by fastening means to said at least one second
9 set of inflatable chambers;
- 10 c. at least one connector member
 - 11 1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of
12 inflatable chambers and
13 2. is joined by fastening means to said at least one second
14 and adjacent set of inflatable chambers and
15 3. passes through a hole in the portion of framing material
16 between said adjacent sets of inflatable chambers;
- 17 d. at least one connector member
 - 18 1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of
19 inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and
20 2. extends around at least one portion of said at least one
21 framework and
22 3. is joined by fastening means to the same said set of
23 inflatable chambers by at least one second connection point;
- 24 e. at least one connector member
 - 25 1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of
26 inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and
27 2. extends through a hole in at least one portion of said at
28 least one framework that circumscribes said portion of at least
29 one inflatable chamber and

- 3. is joined by fastening means to the same said at least one set of inflatable chambers by at least one second connection point;
- f. spray adhesive
 - 1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set of inflatable chambers and
 - 2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one framework ;
- g. adhesive other than spray adhesive
 - 1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set of inflatable chambers and
 - 2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one framework;
- h. at least one area of contact
 - 1. is rough in texture and/or
 - 2. is rough in form between said at least one set of inflatable chambers and said at least one framework;
- i. at least one area of contact
 - is defined within multiple planes between said at least one set of inflatable chambers and said at least one framework;
- j. elastic matter
 - 1. is part of said at least one framework and
 - 2. causes pressure to be applied to said at least a portion of said at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one set of inflatable chambers.

28 53 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 52, further comprising at least
29 one set of inflatable chambers being held in its respective position by
30 positioning means that additionally include the pneumatic pressure of at least

1 one inflatable chamber of said at least one set of inflatable chambers
2 expanding outward against a circumscribing portion of said at least one
3 framework .

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5 54 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 52, further comprising at least
6 one break or gap in the material defining said hole used for the passage of
7 said connector member; said break or gap being sufficient for said connector
8 member to be inserted into said hole through said break or gap.

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10 55 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 54, further comprising said
11 break or gap being configured such that said break or gap is resistant to said
12 connector member exiting said hole through said break or gap.

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14 56 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 52, further comprising
15 said at least one connector member being at least one neck, stem, tab,
16 protrusion or other extension of the material forming said set of inflatable
17 chambers.

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19 57 (New). A balloon display comprised of:
20 A. At least one framework for supporting balloons wherein
21 (1) each said at least one framework is comprised of material that
22 includes a plurality of apertures and;
23 (2) at least one of said plurality of apertures is formed of framing
24 elements that are joined with interlocking tabs; and
25 B. at least one first set of inflatable chambers wherein:
26 (1) said at least one first set is comprised of at least one inflatable
27 chamber and;
28 (2) at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one first set of
29 inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;

(3) at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one first set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by at least one first aperture of said least one framework and;

C. at least one second set of inflatable chambers wherein:

- (1) said at least one second set is comprised of at least one inflatable chamber and;
- (2) at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one second set of inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;
- (3) at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one second set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by at least one second aperture of said least one framework

wherein said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and said at least one second set of inflatable chambers are held in their respective positions by positioning means that include one or more positioning means selected from the group consisting of:

- a. at least one connector member
 1. is joined by fastening means to at least one said set of inflatable chambers and
 2. is joined by fastening means to at least one portion of said at least one framework;
- b. at least one connector member
 1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and
 2. is joined by fastening means to said at least one second set of inflatable chambers;
- c. at least one connector member
 1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and
 2. is joined by fastening means to said at least one second and adjacent set of inflatable chambers and

- 3. passes through a hole in the portion of framing material between said adjacent sets of inflatable chambers;
- d. at least one connector member
 - 1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and
 - 2. extends around at least one portion of said at least one framework and
 - 3. is joined by fastening means to the same said set of inflatable chambers by at least one second connection point;
- e. at least one connector member
 - 1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and
 - 2. extends through a hole in at least one portion of said at least one framework that circumscribes said portion of at least one inflatable chamber and
 - 3. is joined by fastening means to the same said at least one set of inflatable chambers by at least one second connection point;
- f. spray adhesive
 - 1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set of inflatable chambers and
 - 2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one framework ;
- g. adhesive other than spray adhesive
 - 1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set of inflatable chambers and
 - 2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one framework;
- h. at least one area of contact
 - 1. is rough in texture and/or

- 2. is rough in form between said at least one set of inflatable chambers and said at least one framework;
- i. at least one area of contact is defined within multiple planes between said at least one set of inflatable chambers and said at least one framework;
- j. elastic matter
 - 1. is part of said at least one framework and
 - 2. causes pressure to be applied to said at least a portion of said at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one set of inflatable chambers.

58 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 57, further comprising at least one set of inflatable chambers being held in its respective position by positioning means that additionally include the pneumatic pressure of at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one set of inflatable chambers expanding outward against a circumscribing portion of said at least one framework.

59 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 57, further comprising

- A. at least two said interlocking tabs with at least three exposed edges comprising
 1. at least one end edge and
 2. at least two side edges and
 3. at least three notches in a series along said side edges including at least one notch that is preceded and followed by a notch that is on an opposing side edge;
- B. at least one of said at least two said interlocking tabs being attached to at least one first framing element and
- C. at least one of said at least two said interlocking tabs being attached to at least one second framing element and

1 D. said interlocking tab attached to said at least one first framing element
2 being wrapped around said interlocking tab attached to said at least
3 one second framing element such that notches of wrapped tabs fit
4 together.

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6 60 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 57, further comprising at least
7 two said interlocking tabs including

8 A. at least one first said interlocking tab attached to at least one first
9 framing element and having within its borders an aperture; and
10 B. at least one second said interlocking tab attached to at least one
11 second framing element and having a bulbous end or protrusion;
12 C. said bulbous end being passed through said aperture; and
13 D. said bulbous end being configured and positioned such that said
14 bulbous end is resistant to passing back through said aperture.

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16 61 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 57, further comprising at least
17 one break or gap in the material defining said hole used for the passage of
18 said connector member; said break or gap being sufficient for said connector
19 member to be inserted into said hole through said break or gap.

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21 62 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 61, further comprising said
22 break or gap being configured such that said break or gap is resistant to said
23 connector member exiting said hole through said break or gap.

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25 63 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 57, further comprising said at
26 least one connector member being at least one neck, stem, tab, protrusion or
27 other extension of the material forming said set of inflatable chambers.

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29 64 (New). A balloon display comprising:

- 1 A. a plurality of frameworks for supporting balloons wherein at least two
2 frameworks of said plurality of frameworks is comprised of material that
3 includes a plurality of apertures and;
- 4 B. at least one first set of inflatable chambers wherein:
 - 5 (1) said at least one first set is comprised of at least one inflatable
6 chamber and;
 - 7 (2) at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one first set of
8 inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;
 - 9 (3) at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at
10 least one first set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by at
11 least one first aperture of said at least two frameworks and;
- 12 C. at least one second set of inflatable chambers wherein:
 - 13 (1) said at least one second set is comprised of at least one
14 inflatable chamber and;
 - 15 (2) at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one second set of
16 inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;
 - 17 (3) at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at
18 least one second set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by
19 at least one second aperture of said at least two frameworks;

20 wherein said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and said at least one
21 second set of inflatable chambers are held in their respective positions by
22 positioning means that include one or more positioning means selected from
23 the group consisting of:

 - 24 a. at least one connector member
 - 25 1. is joined by fastening means to at least one said set of
26 inflatable chambers and
 - 27 2. is joined by fastening means to at least one portion of said
28 at least two frameworks;
 - 29 b. at least one connector member

- 1 1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of
2 inflatable chambers and
- 3 2. is joined by fastening means to said at least one second
4 set of inflatable chambers;
- 5 c. at least one connector member
 - 6 1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of
7 inflatable chambers and
 - 8 2. is joined by fastening means to said at least one second
9 and adjacent set of inflatable chambers and
 - 10 3. passes through a hole in the portion of framing material
11 between said adjacent sets of inflatable chambers;
- 12 d. at least one connector member
 - 13 1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of
14 inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and
 - 15 2. extends around at least one portion of said at least two
16 frameworks and
 - 17 3. is joined by fastening means to the same said set of
18 inflatable chambers by at least one second connection point;
- 19 e. at least one connector member
 - 20 1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of
21 inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and
 - 22 2. extends through a hole in at least one portion of said at
23 least two frameworks that circumscribes said portion of at least
24 one inflatable chamber and
 - 25 3. is joined by fastening means to the same said at least one
26 set of inflatable chambers by at least one second connection
27 point;
- 28 f. spray adhesive
 - 29 1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set
30 of inflatable chambers and

- 2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least two frameworks ;
- g. adhesive other than spray adhesive
 - 1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set of inflatable chambers and
 - 2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least two frameworks;
- h. at least one area of contact
 - 1. is rough in texture and/or
 - 2. is rough in form between said at least one set of inflatable chambers and said at least two frameworks;
- i. at least one area of contact
 - is defined within multiple planes between said at least one set of inflatable chambers and said at least two frameworks;
- j. elastic matter
 - 1. is part of said at least two frameworks and
 - 2. causes pressure to be applied to said at least a portion of said at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one set of inflatable chambers;

wherein said at least two frameworks are connected with connection means that include one or more connection means selected from the group consisting of:

- 1. a first framework of said at least two frameworks and a second framework of said at least two frameworks are joined by fastening means to a common said set of inflatable chambers;
- 2. a first framework of said at least two frameworks is joined by fastening means to a first said set of inflatable chambers and a second framework of said at least two frameworks is joined by fastening means to a second said set of inflatable chambers

1 and said first said set of inflatable chambers and said second
2 said set of inflatable chambers are joined by fastening means;
3 3. at least one neck, stem, tab, protrusion or other portion of said
4 at least one set of inflatable chambers is connected by fastening
5 means to said at least two frameworks;
6 4. at least one tab extension of a first framework of said at least
7 two frameworks connects by fastening means to a second
8 framework of said at least two frameworks;
9 5. at least one tab extension of a first framework of said at least
10 two frameworks connects by fastening means to at least one tab
11 extension of a second framework of said at least two
12 frameworks.

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14 65 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 64, further comprising

15 A. at least two said tab extensions with at least three exposed edges
16 comprising
17 1. at least one end edge and at least two side edges and
18 2. at least three notches in a series along said side edges including at
19 least one notch that is preceded and followed by a notch that is on
20 an opposing side edge
21 B. at least one of said at least two said tab extensions being attached to
22 at least one first framework and
23 C. at least one of said at least two said tab extensions being attached to
24 at least one second framework and
25 D. said tab extension attached to said at least one first framework being
26 wrapped around said tab extension attached to said at least one
27 second framework such that notches of wrapped tabs fit together.

1 66 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 64, further comprising a set of
2 at least two interlocking tab extensions wherein
3 A. a first said tab extension is attached to at least one first framework and
4 has within its borders an aperture; and
5 B. a second said tab extension is attached to at least one second
6 framework and has a bulbous end or protrusion; and
7 C. said bulbous end being passed through said aperture; and
8 D. said bulbous end being configured and positioned such that said
9 bulbous end is resistant to passing back through said aperture.

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11 67 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 64, further comprising
12 interlocking straps said straps incorporating matched sets of notches and/or
13 slits that may be nested to hold one strap to another at predetermined
14 intervals.

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16 68 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 64, further comprising a portion
17 of at least one said set of inflatable chambers that wraps around overlapping
18 portions of said at least two frameworks.

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20 69 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 64, further comprising at least
21 one set of inflatable chambers being held in its respective position by
22 positioning means that additionally include the pneumatic pressure of at least
23 one inflatable chamber of said at least one set of inflatable chambers
24 expanding outward against a circumscribing portion of said at least two
25 frameworks.

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27 70 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 64, further comprising at least
28 one break or gap in the material defining said hole used for the passage of
29 said connector member; said break or gap being sufficient for said connector
30 member to be inserted into said hole through said break or gap.

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3 71 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 64, further comprising said at
4 least one connector member being at least one neck, stem, tab, protrusion or
5 other extension of the material forming said set of inflatable chambers.